

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow.

The following remarks are offered in complete response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2008. In light of these remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and examination of all of the claimed subject matter on the merits are respectfully requested.

Claims 39-49 remain in this application. Claims 50 and 51 have been cancelled in this amendment. Claims 1-38 were previously cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 39-42 have been amended to recite in step ii) that the reaction product formed contains (a) at least one isocyanate trimer containing an isocyanurate unit, or a trimer containing a biuret unit or mixtures thereof, and (b) at least one isocyanate dimer containing a uretidinedione unit. Support for this amendment is found at least in the preamble of each of the claims and on page 22, line 27 - page 24, line 5. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the foregoing amendments.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 44-49 are allowable. Applicants note withdrawal of the objection under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) as having added new matter.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection

Claims 39-43 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential steps.

The Office Action indicates that for claims 39, 40, 42 and 43, the omitted steps pertain to how the claimed biuret unit is obtained absent a step of producing the biuret trimer reaction product.

Claims 39-43 have been amended to recite in step ii) how the claimed units are obtained.

Applicants therefore request the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims 39-43 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection

Claim 51 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 51 has been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

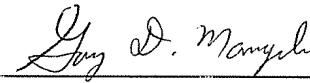
Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now in the application are in position for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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